

United States Department of Agriculture

Marketing and Regulatory Programs

Agricultural Marketing Service

Washington, DC 20250

Please Note: New vendors and subcontractors must supply all required paperwork (Appendix 1, Financial Statement, and 3 Reference Letters) and must register in the Online Representations and Certifications Application (ORCA). In addition, <u>all</u> vendors must also be registered in the CCR, within 48 hours after bid opening or your company may be considered non-responsive.

FV-301

Fruit and Vegetable Programs

Date Issued: August 7, 2007

Frozen Fruit, Announcement FV-301, Invitation 069

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell frozen fruit as indicated below and per the Announcement for distribution to child nutrition and other domestic food assistance programs. Offers are due by 1 p.m., Central time, Friday, August 31, 2007. Acceptances will be announced by midnight, September 20, 2007. Deliveries are to be made from November 16, 2007 through April 30, 2008.

Offers are invited from the trade for:

Frozen Freestone (Diced) Peaches 96/4.4 oz. cups 14,000 cases

No offer will be made to 8(a) vendors on this invitation.

Note: Funds are not presently available for contracts awarded for **FY 2008**. The government's obligation for contracts issued is contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds from which payment for contract purposes can be made. No legal liability on the part of the Government for any payment that may arise until funds are made available to the Contracting Officer for these contracts and until the Contractor receives notice of such availability, to be confirmed in writing by the Contracting Officer.

This invitation contains line item(s) identified as "Kosher Only". Vendors must comply with applicable dietary (kosher) laws as established by the "613 Council of Kasruth". Vendors must contact the Board of Jewish Education of Greater New York (BJENY) at (646) 472-5365 prior to submitting a bid to certify compliance with the applicable dietary (kosher) laws. A rabbinic supervisor will be sent by the BJENY to certify compliance with the dietary (kosher) laws.

All prime vendors are reminded that they are prohibited from subcontracting with companies or individuals that have been suspended or debarred.



All invitations with orders for the state of New York must have the pack date stamped on the outside of each carton. The pack date should be annotated as per the following example: (05/01/2003). Orders for the state of New York requiring the special marking will be indicated by (**). This applies to New York orders "Only," if and when they appear on an invitation.

Bids must be submitted electronically via the Domestic Electronic Bid Entry System (DEBES) on the internet. Offerors who submit bids using other than DEBES, will be deemed non-responsive. Offeror must be assigned a Logon ID by USDA to access the site. The Internet address is: http://pcsd.usda.gov/debes which translates into a connection of https://pcsd.usda.gov:3077/mdbc1000.exe? Once connected, follow the online procedures. A "HELP" button provides detailed instructions for using the system or call 202-720-4517 for assistance.

Bidders are cautioned to bid only quantities they can reasonably expect to produce and deliver in accordance with the contract. Inquiries about Announcement FV-301, Appendix-1, the Commodity Specification for Frozen Fruit dated April 2004, or this Invitation should be directed to the Contracting Officer, USDA/AMS/ Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Commodity Procurement Branch STOP 0239, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20250-9410, telephone (202) 720-4517. An electronic version of this Invitation can be obtained through the World Wide Web via the Commodity Procurement Home Page at http://www.ams.usda.gov/cp.

Purchases will be made on a delivered to destination basis, subject to Announcement FV-301, to the listed locations. Delivery by trucks or railcars is optional to the contractor, except for those destination(s) which specify delivery by truck only or rail only.

Split shipments are indicated by a single asterisk.

ANNOUNCEMENT : FV301 INVITATION: 069 COMM GROUP : 31 FRUIT, FROZEN
COMM TYPE : 13 PEACHES, FREESTONE, DICED, FRZ
PACK SIZE : 20 96/4.4 OZ CUP ITEM DESTINATION TRANS QUANTITY PRICE PER NO CITY ST RESTR (CSE) (CSE) ITEM DELIVERY PERIOD 11/16/07 - 11/30/07 001 BROOKLYN NY TRUCK ONLY 1,400 *** (KOSHER ONLY) MOBILE AL TRUCK ONLY 400 WINTER HAVEN FL 1,000 002 MOBILE 003 WINTER HAVEN FL 1,400 DELIVERY PERIOD 12/01/07 - 12/15/07 004 LOS ANGELES CA TRUCK ONLY 1,400 DELIVERY PERIOD 01/01/08 - 01/15/08 005 NEWPORT 1,400 ____ MN 006 SAN ANTONIO TX TRUCK ONLY 1,400 007 LOS ANGELES CA TRUCK ONLY POMONA CA TRUCK ONLY 792 608 DELIVERY PERIOD 02/01/08 - 02/15/08 1,400 008 NEWPORT MN DELIVERY PERIOD 03/01/08 - 03/15/08 009 COMMERCE CA TRUCK ONLY 350

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1,050

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DESTINATION TRANS QUANTITY PRICE PER CITY ST RESTR (CSE) (CSE) ITEM NO

DELIVERY PERIOD 04/16/08 - 04/30/08

COMMERCE CA TRUCK ONLY 350 LOS ANGELES CA TRUCK ONLY 1,050 010 COMMERCE

14,000 TOTAL QUANTITY FOR COMMODITY TYPE

TOTAL QUANTITY FOR INVITATION 14,000

Felicitas C. Lofton Contracting Officer

Commodity Procurement Branch Fruit and Vegetable Programs

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